Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota is known for its strong family traditions—family farms, family businesses, and family vacations; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for families to come together to share their experiences, exchange their life's stories and dreams, build life-long relationships, and discover their roots; and,

Whereas, For most individuals, the family is a place of comfort and solace; it serves as our shelter and our guide down the pathways of life; and,

Whereas, Though families may split apart in geographical sense, distance cannot break the powerful bonds of emotional and spiritual togetherness; and,

Whereas, The truly devoted family, no matter how scattered by time and space, will make frequent attempts to "keep the lines open," occasionally gathering together to celebrate their lives and love for one another; and,

Whereas, Such is the case for the Schmidt family, who arrived in the United States from Germany in 1881, and homesteaded in Hand County, Dakota Territory, then moved to Redfield in 1888; and,
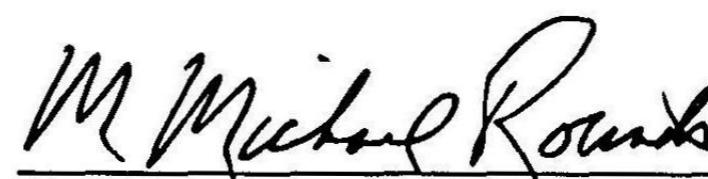
Whereas, The Schmidt family descendants of Ernest Schmidt, Walter Schmidt, Maxine (Schmidt) Beardemphl, Hazel (Schmidt) Case, Mildred (Schmidt) Therkildsen and Marvine (Schmidt) Roeber will gather at Cheyenne Ridge north of Pierre, South Dakota, on July 1, 2006, to pay homage to the past and renew its commitment to the future of the Schmidt name and all the great things it represents:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 1, 2006, as

SCHMIDT FAMILY REUNION DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State